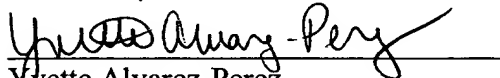


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In response to an Office action dated July 8, 2003, the Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks for consideration by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.